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SUBJECT: WATER SHUT-OFF CAUSED LUSO BATTLE

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1. AS A FOOTNOTE ON THE BATTLE OF LUSO WE REPORTED IN OUR 0393, I HAVE LEARNED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, INCLUDING THE COMMANDER OF THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE IN ANGOLA, THAT THE WATER SYSTEM OF LUSO IS SO CONSTRUCTED THAT BOTH MPLA AND FNLA, WHO ARE SITUATED CLOSE TO EACH OTHER, CAN SHUT EACH OTHER'S WATER OFF AND DO SO WITH REGULARITY AND GUSTO. ON THIS LATEST OCCASION IT SEEMS THAT FNLA SHUT OFF MPLA AND REFUSED TO OPEN THE VALVES, WHEREUPON THE MPLA GARRISON DECIDED TO EXPRESS ITS DISPLEASURE.

2. THE LIBERATION FORCES DRINK A GOOD DEAL OF BEER AND MANY COMMANDERS ALLOW THEM TO DRINK ON DUTY; AS THE DAY WEARS ON MENTAL FACULTIES BECOME INCREASINGLY BLURRED. CONSUMPTION
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INCREASES EVEN FURTHER IN THE EVENING AND I THINK THERE IS A

CORRELATION BETWEEN THE TIME OF DAY AND CLASHES BETWEEN FNLA AND MPLA. A THEORY I SHALL EXPAND ON AT A LATER DATE. THE LUSO FIGHT STARTED AT FOUR THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON.

3. THE FACT THAT MUCH OF DAMAGE WAS TO BUILDINGS FAR REMOVED FROM THE LINE OF FIRE IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE STATE OF THE COMBATANTS.
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